



Visitation Policies for Stark County area hospitals during COVID-19

As a result of the spread of novel coronavirus (COVID-19) and in accordance with CDC guidelines, area hospitals have changed to a policy of NO visitors until further notice.

**it is a good idea to check the visitation policy each day, as the below can change at anytime*

Exceptions to this policy are being made by area hospitals and the details are outlined below:

All facilities will screen visitors for:

1. Has traveled internationally in the last 21 days
2. Has had direct or close contact with a laboratory-confirmed coronavirus (COVID-19) patient or a person being evaluated for COVID-19
3. Close contact is defined as living in the same house as that individual; being in a room with that individual for 30 minutes or more; or being directly exposed by secretions in the eye, mouth or nose.
4. Has any of these symptoms: fever, cough, shortness of breath

Mercy Medical Center

- Exceptions to this policy are made for one support person for maternity patients. That one support person must be the same person throughout the stay. He or she can come and go as needed but cannot be switched.
- Additional exceptions will be made on a case-by-case basis, such as end-of-life / critical patient situations.

Aultman Hospital (including Aultman Alliance Community Hospital)

- Maternity: One visitor or caregiver per patient will be permitted with no time restriction.
- Emergency department: One visitor or caregiver per patient will be permitted with no time restrictions for the emergency department waiting area. The visitor/caregiver will only be permitted in the patient care area if the patient requires assistance or is a pediatric patient.
- Pediatrics and NICU: Two visitors or caregivers per patient will be permitted if they are in the facility before 7 p.m.
- Surgical patients: All inpatient/outpatient surgical patients are permitted to enter the facility based on scheduled procedures. One visitor/caregiver is permitted to remain with the surgical patient.

Akron Children's Hospital

- Inpatients under age of 18 may have up to 2 adult caregivers designated as visitors for their hospital stay, but only 1 may be bedside and in the hospital at a time.
- For outpatient visits, only 1 caregiver may accompany the patient.
- Visitors must be 18 or older unless a parent/guardian of a patient.
- Patients in the intensive care units and burn unit and on the hematology/oncology floor are at even higher risk for infections and additional restrictions may apply.

**Call 330-543-1000 before visiting.*



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Cleveland Clinic – Akron General

- Pediatric patients (1 visitor)
- Labor and Delivery patients (1 visitor)
- End-of-life circumstances (Patients care team will discuss with their family.)

**while this is the guidance that appears on the website, we have been told that one support person will be allowed into the hospital with a person with developmental disabilities.*

Summa Health:

- Exceptions to this policy are made for one healthy visitor per patient per day for the below categories:
- Patient who is in serious or critical condition or under hospice care
- End-of-life (approval for requests for more than one person will be made by nurse manager)
- Mothers in labor (significant other is permitted)
- Children who are 18 years of age or under (parents permitted)
- People undergoing surgery
- Akron Children’s NICU (limited to mom and one additional visitor per day)
- Adult patients with a cognitive or mental disability requiring help with the provision of medical care or activities of daily living, speaking for the patient, keeping patient safe
- People who must exercise a power of attorney or court-appointed guardianship for a patient
- People performing official governmental functions
- Person requiring an outpatient test or procedure where a companion is required for support

Be Prepared

- If you are a parent, guardian or caregiver of someone with a disability, it’s important to prepare in advance for potential emergency medical visits. You should reach out to your primary care physician to discuss any steps or precautions you can take now. Keep a copy of the person’s health record, including allergies and past surgeries, as well as legal documentation showing guardianship for adults with DD in a location you can access quickly and easily. Click here to access a [health passport](#) form you can use.
- Please be sure that if you are accompanying someone to the hospital you have your agency ID badge available and the one-page Health Passport for the individual you are accompanying. This will help the hospital understand the necessity for entering with the individual.